

REMARKS

Claims 1-7, 11-14 and 15-20 are pending in the application. Claims 8-10 have been withdrawn previously. Claims 2, 4, 6, 7 and 12-14 have been amended and new claims 15 and 20 have been added by the foregoing amendment.

Claims 4, 12 and 13 stand rejected as being indefinite. It is believed that the foregoing amendments overcome this rejection and Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of same. Amendments have been made to claims 2, 6, 7 and 14 to more clearly define the invention.

Claims 1 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph as allegedly failing to comply with the enablement requirement. Claims 2-7 and 12-14 stand rejected under the similar grounds for their dependence on one of claims 1 and 11. Applicants request traversal of this rejection for the following reasons.

In exemplary embodiments, as recited in claim 1 for example, a statistical record purge procedure comprises, *inter alia*, ensuring adequate temporary memory for storing new statistical records before the procedure initiates deletion of older statistical records in the permanent memory, the new statistical records comprising statistical records generated while the older statistical records are being deleted.

The Office Action indicates that it is not clear how the procedure would ensure the adequacy of the temporary memory if the new statistical records were not generated since the new statistical records are generated while the older statistical records are being deleted.

Applicants rely on knowledge of the likely number of generated records, time and frequency of the purge, size of the log space and size of statistical records generated by the

statistics server in determining the amount of free log space (or temporary memory -

Specification, ¶ 0014, line 3) that is required for storing new statistical records.

As described by Applicants (Specification, ¶ 0014, lines 9-14), *the amount of free log space that is required will necessarily depend on a number of factors such as the number of statistical records likely to be generated during the time the purge script is running, how often the purge procedure is run (e.g., hourly, bi-hourly, daily, etc.), the size of the log space (e.g., 2052 Megabytes in the exemplary embodiment noted above), the size of the statistical records generated by the statistics server(s), and the like.*

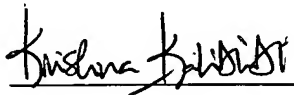
As highlighted above, the language of claim 1 (as well as that of claim 11) is enabled by the cited portions of the Specification. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1 and 11 (and that of dependent claims 2-7 and 12-14) for lacking enablement.

New claims 15-20, all depending on one of claims 1 and 11 respectively, cite additional advantageous features.

All of the rejections having been overcome, it is believed that this application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is solicited. The Examiner is strongly urged to contact the undersigned representative to resolve any issues with respect to expediting the prosecution of this application.

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